

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0414

Albert and Harry Fahnestock House

600 E. Belfast Road

Sparks, Baltimore County

1904-1907

Private

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The Albert and Harry Fahnestock House is a two-and-a-half-story dwelling of wood frame construction clad in German siding on a solid random ashlar stone foundation. The three-bay-wide house has a roughly square footprint and a hipped roof clad in slate tiles that is marked by the presence of two reconstructed central interior stretcher bond brick chimneys. The house fronts south and sits back from the road at the end of a long gravel driveway. The façade features a central entry with a sash-and-paneled double-leaf wood door with multi-light leaded sidelights and transom enclosed by a circa 1920 projecting bay. Four paired twelve-light double-leaf doors, each of which has an eight-light transom, flank the entry. The central bay of the second story features two paired 6/1 windows flanked by four paired 8/1 windows on the outer bays. Three hipped-roof dormers that are clad in slate tiles project from the roof. One 8/1 window is located in each dormer. All façade openings have molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood sills. A one-story, five-bay-wide porch that spans the width of the façade shelters the first-story openings. The shallow, half-hipped roof is supported by Tuscan columns and previously featured a projecting carriage entrance that has been removed. Additionally, the porch had wrapped around to the west elevation of the house. This portion of the porch is not extant. Extending from the rear of the building is a one-story, three-bay-deep ell of wood frame construction on a random ashlar stone foundation with a reconstructed interior gable end stretcher bond brick chimney. Five historic dependencies, including an ice house, carriage house, privy, barn, and garage, are associated with the main house.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0414

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Albert and Harry Fahnestock House (preferred)

other Horner House

2. Location

street and number 600 E. Belfast Road not for publication

city, town Sparks vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Peter Paul Horner, Cathine Horner Gemmil, et al

street and number 600 Belfast Road telephone Not Available

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 12008 folio 543

city, town Towson tax map 34 tax parcel 37 tax ID number 0807061080

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Five historic dependencies, located to the north and northeast, are associated with the main house. The circa 1905 icehouse originated as a one-story, one-bay-square structure of solid random rubble stone construction. In the 1930s, the building was converted into a residence, and a wood frame addition was added as a second story. This first addition is clad in asphalt shingles. Circa 1950, a wood frame addition now clad in board-and-batten siding was constructed on the side of the building.

The circa 1905 stable/carriage house is a two-and-a-half-story wood frame structure clad in German siding with a hipped roof clad in slate tiles. Two square ventilated cupolas rise from the roof ridge. Projecting from the front of the deteriorating building is a one-story section of German-sided wood frame construction with two ventilated cupolas rising from the slate-tiled hip roof. The building sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation.

The one-story, one-bay-square privy is a wood frame building that dates to circa 1905. The structure is clad in German siding and features an asphalt-shingled front gable roof. The structure sits on a solid parged stone foundation.

The large concrete block barn is two-and-a-half stories tall and three bays wide with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The building dates to circa 1940.

The circa 1940 garage is a one-story, one-bay-wide building with a rectangular footprint and an asphalt-shingled front gable roof over a solid concrete block structural system. Flush vertical board siding covers the gable peak.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1904-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1904-1907, 1920 ca.,

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

⁴ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hereford

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction from 1904 to 1907, the Albert and Harry Fahnestock House has been associated with the 6.27 acres of land known as tax parcel 37 of map 34 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

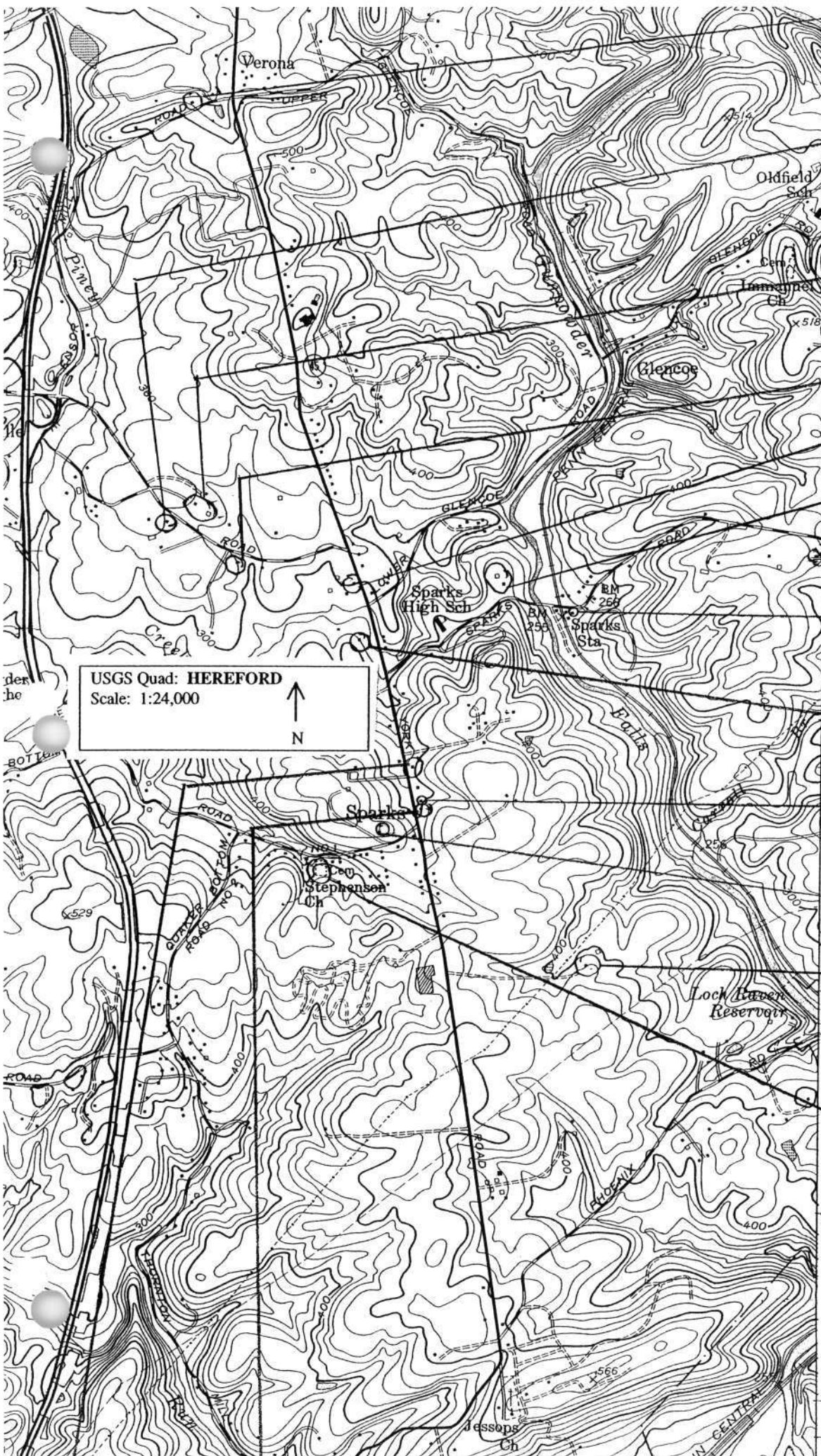
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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621 E BELFAST ROAD
SPARKS, BALTIMORE COUNTY

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600 E. BELFAST ROAD
SPARKS
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0374
707 E. BELFAST ROAD
SPARKS, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0375
1512 YORK ROAD
SPARKS, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0409
1100 SPARKS ROAD
SPARKS, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0612

BA-2462
1207 SPARKS ROAD

BA-0376
15010 YORK ROAD
SPARKS, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1716
14825 YORK ROAD

BA-0428
7 STODDARD COURT

BA 266
14611 YORK ROAD

BA-0427
811 QUAKER BOTTOM ROAD
SPARKS, BALTIMORE COUNTY

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MD SHPO

SW CORNER

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HORNER HOUSE - 1900-1911 - North side of Belfast Road, 0.5 mile west of York Road. Large, 2-½ story house in Colonial Revival style, with hip roof, dormers, widow's walk, double chimneys, clapboard covering. Three bays wide of double sash windows side by side. Not found in 1915 atlas, but carried in 1911 tax ledger under holdings of Albert and Harry Fahnestock, the presumed builders. Dimensions given for the "mansion" in 1918 tax ledger were 46 x 50 and 17 x 19. House passed to related family, the Horners. Excellent condition. Owner: Mary Horner.